

FIGHT OVER DUTY ON STOCKINGS

Foreign Ones That Cost Nine Cents Sold for a Quarter to American Consumers.

(Special from United Press.) Washington, April 5.—With a separate vote, it is probable that the great increase by the Ways and Means Committee in the tariff on women's stockings would fail. As matter stand now, it appears that members of the House desire to vote on the hosiery schedule in the bulk of the bill.

Whether the price of stockings will rise depends upon whether one seeks information from representatives of the supporters of the measure, or from those who are here fighting over the issue. Eighty per cent. of the women's stockings sold in this country retail at 25 cents a pair, while the Japanese-made stockings are sold at 10 cents a pair.

The tariff upon those stockings is 50 per cent. while the Japanese say, it is a rank injustice to the consumer.

FIRE BUGS BURN BARNS.

(Special from United Press.) Winnetka, April 5.—Fire today destroyed two barns owned by Frank J. Wade and John B. Putnam causing a loss of about \$3,000 which is covered by insurance. Both areas are reported to have been caused by incendiaries.

FIRE IN QUINNPIAC CLUB.

(Special from United Press.) New Haven, April 5.—Fire today destroyed the Quinnpiac Club on Chapel street to the extent of about \$1,000. Loss is covered by insurance.

CAPT. PERRY TRANSFERRED.

(Special from United Press.) Boston, April 5.—Captain K. W. Perry, cutter Graham at the Boston station since April 20, 1906, has received preparatory orders notifying him of his transfer to the revenue cutter Tuscarora in the Grand Lakes service at Milwaukee, Wis. Captain Perry will be replaced here by Captain P. H. Ueberroth of the Tuscarora.

NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE.

Spirits of camphor will freshen solid playing cards. From coal are produced more than 100 different colored dyes. An exposition of musical instruments will open at Rotterdam in May. Spain buys more than one-quarter of its tobacco from the United States. Electric devices now are successfully employed in branding cigar boxes. There is an average of one physician to each 700 persons in the United States.

AT THE PRESENT RATE THE EXCAVATIONS OF POMPEII WILL NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE 1970.

The sale of white phosphorus matches in Great Britain has been prohibited by Parliament. During the present year the entire street railway system of Budapest will be electrified. Ohio, Vermont and New York have led in the production of maple sugar continuously since 1850.

There are said to be 2,000,000 horsepower available in the unharmed waters of Wisconsin.

Washing linoleum with a weak solution of glue and allowing it to dry thoroughly will prevent its becoming discolored. It is obtained from peat by treating the fibre with sulphuric acid and fermenting with a special yeast. Last winter the sheep dried on record in Tasmania, sheep dying by thousands, while many rivers entirely dried up.

The Swiss Government spends more on its commercial schools than for all other educational purposes put together.

It is claimed that silicide and boride of titanium, products of the electric furnace, are as hard as the diamond. In a rubber factory at Suresne, Dutch West India, the material is extracted from the leaves by a chemical process. Electric street cars, built in Philadelphia, have been introduced by a private company in the Turkish city of Salonika.

The Japanese Cabinet recently repealed an ordinance enacted in 1876 prohibiting the use of foreign inks on official documents.

Serious experiments by a bevy of French scientists resulted in figuring out the average speed of a small at 14 days to the mile. Lead is the purest metal which is made commercially, many good brands of commercial lead containing 99.95 or more per cent. of the metal. A new book for hanging up men's hats catches them by the brim in such a manner that they cannot be knocked off, besides economizing on room. The port of Havre is to be improved at a cost of \$16,700,000, which will be shared by the nation, department and local chambers of commerce.

The majority of Australia's schools are owned and operated by the State Governments under the supervision of the Federal Minister of Public Instruction.

The erection of the latest electric furnace for the production of steel brought the total number of service in the United States and Europe up to 35.

The spraying of diluted alcohol over calcium carbide produces a new gas known as alkothene, which is said to be a better and cheaper fuel than gasoline.

In proportion to its area, Maine is the best supplied with surface water of any of the States, having a square mile of lake to every 14.3 square miles of land. One of the largest car building companies in the country has decided to abandon steel for a more powerful and has begun the erection of a mammoth electric plant. Brazil's budget for this year includes an appropriation of over \$50,000 to aid various institutions which are fighting the spread of tuberculosis in that country.

A Michigan company is trying out a horizontal emitter for iron ores, which is said to utilize all the heat, while upright smelters are said to lose over 75 per cent.

More than 7,500,000 telephone messages were sent in the United States last year, the number of long distance calls having grown to exceed the 7,000,000 mark.

A new weed destroyer for gardeners combines a narrow spade with a pair of jaws, operated from the handle in such a manner as to lift weeds which the spade has loosened.

In the Tuilleries hydro-electric works, the largest in France, which are nearing completion, nine 2,700-horsepower turbines will produce 23,000 electric horse-power.

A Nebraska has been granted a patent upon rings bearing pronged plates to enable a baseball pitcher to impart a twist to balls and increasing his ability to pitch curves.

The first of four 6,000-horsepower alternating current motors, the largest in the world, recently was successfully put into service in a steel rail mill at Gary, Ind.

The French chamber of deputies has decorated with the Legion of Honor all aviators, foreign as well as native, who have conducted flying machine trials in that country.

The Japanese government is planning to establish an engineering high school, a middle school and a bureau

of forestry in Kwantung Province, which it leases from China.

A new life-saving apparatus for ships includes a sand anchor to be dropped ashore to fasten the line to which it is attached, regardless of the presence of persons to lend aid.

Andrew Carnegie has offered to King Victor Emmanuel for the Bologna University a model of the fossil dipterosaur similar to the models he has given London, Berlin and Paris.

The United States imported \$85,021,066 worth of raw silk in 1908 as against over \$73,000,000 the previous year. Most of it came from Japan, with Italy in second place each year.

The distribution of samples of patent or proprietary medicines from door to door, in a public place or by mail is prohibited by a new Canadian law which went into effect April 1.

Calcutta is to spend nearly half a billion dollars for a \$6,000,000 gallon tank for its filter water supply. The tank will be elevated 100 feet above the ground on steel columns.

An electric wagon with a platform which may be elevated by a telescoping tower is used by a New York electric light company for trimming and repairing lamps high above the street level.

In a recently-patented tape measure a short piece of flexible springy material is attached in one end to make it self-supporting and facilitate the making of short measurements with one hand.

An American was the first to learn of the value of tungsten in electric lighting, a patent for incandescent lamps making use of the metal having been granted to a resident of Harrison, N. J., in 1887.

It is claimed that the new forged steel car wheels, 10,000 of which have been ordered by Chicago street car ways, will stand 40,000 miles of travel as against 40,000, the life of the average cast wheel.

The War Office is requiring a number of its army officers to study ski-ing and other methods of traveling over snow in order that they may instruct the army to become proficient in scouting in winter.

The Mexican Academy of Medicine has offered a prize of \$10,000 for a cure for typhus fever, like prize for a serum that will kill the germ in the blood, while \$5,000 will be distributed among persons aiding in solving the problem.

To save rural mail carriers leaving their wagons at every stop, an Alabama man has patented a mail box mounted on a trolley which permits its being set out from the post within the carrier's reach, and by which he can push it back to the post.

After filling the chair of zoology in the University of Jena 46 years, the eminent scientist, Ernst Haeckel, who recently passed his seventy-fifth birthday, has resigned, and will devote the remainder of his life to studying the evolution of species.

At a cost of about \$3,500 per mile there has been completed the last link of the railroad that connects Singapore with the Federated Malay States and the Straits Settlements on the Malacca Peninsula, most of it through swamps and dense jungles.

Of vast importance to all branches of the textile industry is said to be the discovery in Australia of an almost limitless quantity of a new sea grass fibre, which can be woven with almost any other material, takes dyes readily and is practically non-inflammable.

Lincoln's Speeches and Writings.

Lincoln's great speeches are short, but how fit in expression, how packed with meaning! Take, for example, the one delivered to his friends on the eve of his departure for Washington. Like the second inaugural or the address at Gettysburg, it contains no superfluous word. Every one fits its place as perfectly as the carpenter's braces and timbers into the completed building.

As a writer, Mr. Lincoln was most painstaking. He sought always the simplest, shortest and best word. He knew that the simplest and shortest word usually is the best. The real secret of his greatness as a speaker and a writer, however, lay deeper. It was the supreme greatness of his soul which shone through his words, that charmed and still charms the world.—J. A. Edgerton.

The Insanity Plea.

"Sir," said the young woman, with what seemed to be indignation. The young man looked embarrassed. "Yes, I did kiss you," he admitted, "but I was impulsively insane."

"That means that a man would be a lunatic to kiss me?"

"Well, any man of discretion would be just crazy to kiss you."

This seemed to ease the strain, and, no jury being present to muddle affairs, a satisfactory verdict was reached.—Philadelphia Ledger.

She Admitted It.

"What do you ask for this plaque?" inquired an old gentleman of the pretty girl in charge of a church bazaar. "One guinea," she replied.

"Aren't you a little dear?" queried the old gentleman.

"Well," answered the pretty girl, blushing, "that's what the boys all tell me."

An Indestructible Color.

The indestructible floral color is yellow. You cannot, even with sulphurous acid fumes, destroy it. Take a heartsease and try. You will consume the purple tint easily enough, but the yellow will remain for all your filthy fumes.—Fry's Magazine.

A Way to Wealth.

Upon one occasion the late Earl Pountlett, who, by the way, was a great spendthrift, was paying his physician and on handing the medical gentleman 400 guineas in gold asked him if he knew how to grow rich. The doctor replied in the negative, and the earl advised him never to pay an account by check, but always in coin, "for," he added, "the more you look at your money the less inclined you will be to part with it."

His Mean Comment.

Wife (reading)—Here's the advertisement of a matrimonial agency offering to supply any man with a wife for five guineas.

Husband—Oh, of course; it costs less to get into trouble than it does to get out again.—London Scraps.

Cheered Him Up.

The prisoner was downcast. "Cheer up," said his lawyer. "I've got a jury of twelve men too stupid to find out that you're guilty."

Naturally the client took a more hopeful view.—Philadelphia Ledger.

There is not a single moment in life that we can afford to lose.—Goulburn.

IF IT DISAPPEARS IT'S ECZEMA

How to Tell Whether a Skin Affection is an Inherited Blood Disease or Not.

Sometimes it is hard to determine whether a skin affection is a sign of a blood disorder or simply a form of eczema. Even physicians are often puzzled in their diagnosis. The best way for any one afflicted is to go to Jennie Hamilton's Pharmacy, or any good druggist who handles pure drugs and obtain 50 cents' worth of posolam. Apply this and if the itching stops at once and the trouble is cured in a few days it may be set down as having been eczema, as this is the way posolam acts in the worst cases of eczema, and in curing acne, herpes, blotches, tetter, piles, salt rheum, rash, barber's and other forms of itch, scaly scalp, and all surface skin affections.

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GEO. W. ROBERTS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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P. A. BILTZ, Director of Public Works.

Bridgeport, April 3, 1909.

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